

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary in prime time days before the election are a blatant abuse of power and betrayal of the public trust. It would be true even if the show they plan to present were anti-Bush rather than anti-Kerry. It is pure partisan electioneering on the part of a corporation - which is illegal under our election laws. This should be remembered and considered when their stations' licenses come up for renewal.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Their actions are a powerful argument for denying further media consolidation and for strengthening media ownership rules, rather than weakening them. It is a clear example of the danger media consolidation is to our democracy and free political democratic process. I trust you will consider this and, as the watchdog for the American people in this regard, I trust your regulations will reflect and balance our interests with those of the corporate media.

Thank you.